For these two reasons, I hold the adjournment motion out of order.

There is also another adjournment motion. It reads this :—

"I beg leave to move that the business of the House be now adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the serious situation which has arisen in the Chirayinkil taluk consequent upon the recent floods, one early this month and another four months back, which have devastated paddy cultivation and coconut plantations in and about the backwater region of the taluk."

I would again emphasise, for the careful attention and consideration of this House, the inevitable and unavoidable conditions which ought to precede an adjournment motion ; that is, there must be a matter of *urgent public* importance. I would lay considerable emphasis on the word *public*. In this case, the grievance urged relates to a small part of one taluk of the entire State. To hold that that is a matter of *urgent public* importance would be, I fear, ignoring the conditions precedent which are essential for the purpose of admitting motions for the adjournment of the House ; for, I regard the time of the House so important that it ought not to be diverted towards matters which do not come within the four corners of Rules and Regulations laid down.

I therefore disallow this motion also.

DEMAND FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

PRESIDENT : I have already explained the reasons for the absence of Mr. Truscott. The very first item relates to him. So, if the House has no objection, we will proceed to item No. 2—Education.

EDUCATION.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 5,310, under Education. This Demand consists of three items. I shall say a few words about each of them.

The first one is the contribution to the Travancore Boy Scouts Association, of Rs. 2,500. Sir, this Association had been, every year, getting from Government a grant of Rs. 5,000. This year the grant was reduced by one-half, namely, to Rs. 2,500. The State Scout Commissioner represented to Government that this reduction has made it practically impossible for the movement to be carried on. Sir, I have been connected with this movement since its inception in Travancore ; even now, I am an *ex officio* member of the Headquarters Council of the Association. I am convinced that it will be impossible for the Scout movement to do any tangible work in the State without a grant of at least Rs. 5,000 a year.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : Why was the grant reduced ?

MR. C V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The Government felt that the Association should make strenuous efforts to retrench its headquarters establishment charges, and also tap other sources like public subscriptions and donations. The Association

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